REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to improve form and new claims 10-27 have been added. Claims 1 and 10-27 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been introduced.

Favorable examination and allowance of claims 1 and 10-27 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 13-2491 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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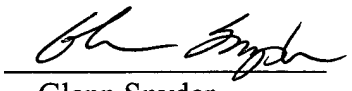
By: 
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